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14 June 1955

OGC REVIEW
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Comptroller

25X1A9A SUBJECT : [] - Travel and Per Diem Indebtedness
THROUGH : Deputy Director of Security

25X1A9A 1. On 31 January 1955, [] by memorandum to [] 25X1A9A
25X1A9A stated that the Security Office believed it inadvisable to attempt further
collection of the claim against [] because of the possible security
disadvantages resulting from legal action. This Office has reviewed the
file and explored the possibility of collecting the indebtedness through
other means. We agree with your opinion that the debt should not be written
off if there is any possibility of collecting it without endangering Agency
security.

2. The problem was discussed informally with Mr. Pat Friend, a cleared
attorney in the Office of the General Counsel, General Accounting Office
(Code 195, Ext. 5419). Mr. Friend is of the opinion that [] debt could 25X1A9A
be recorded in the General Accounting Office with an agreement that no legal
action would be brought by the Department of Justice. By such recording the
Government would gain the advantage of a possibility of offsetting the debt
25X1A9A if at any future time it became indebted to []

3. Inasmuch as the rights in this case are pretty clearly on the side
of the Government we are of the opinion that every effort, within the limits
of security considerations, should be made to collect the debt. We recommend
that you make arrangements with the General Accounting Office to record the
debt for offset action if the Office of Security will concur.

4. The complete file on this case is returned herewith.

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Office of General Counsel

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